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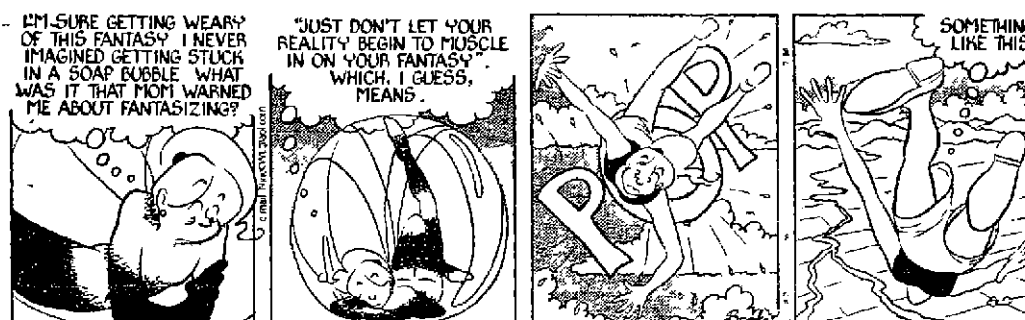
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



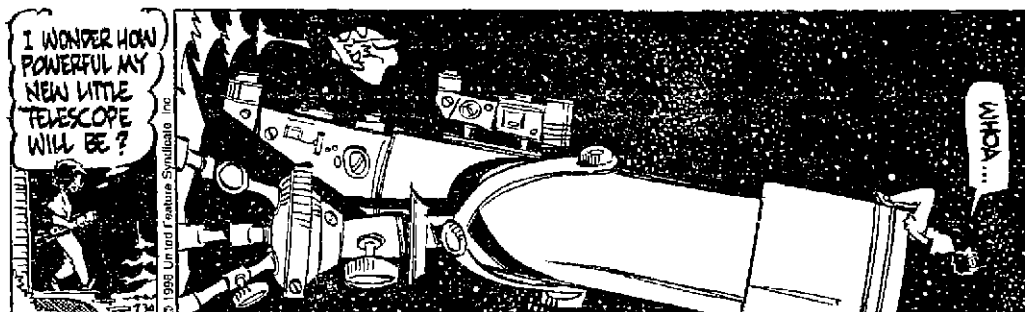
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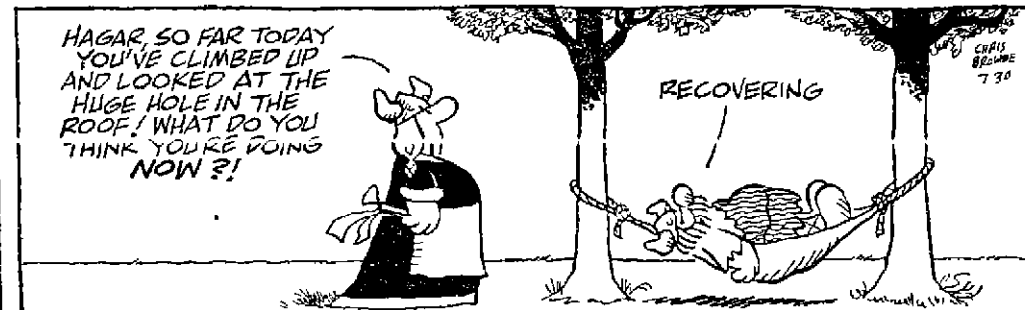
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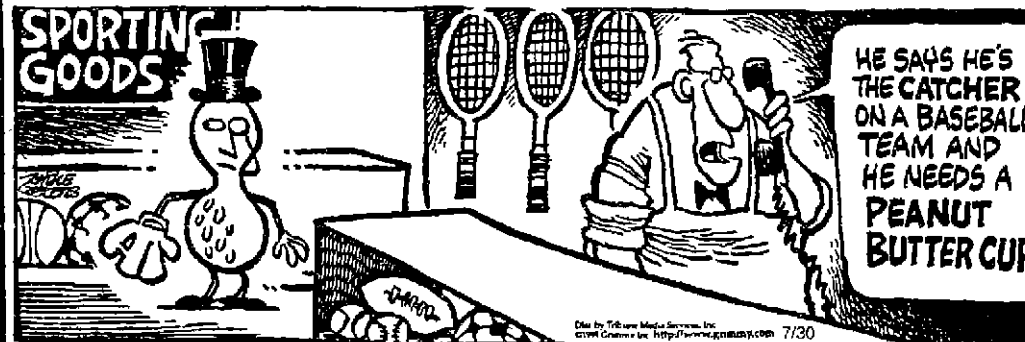
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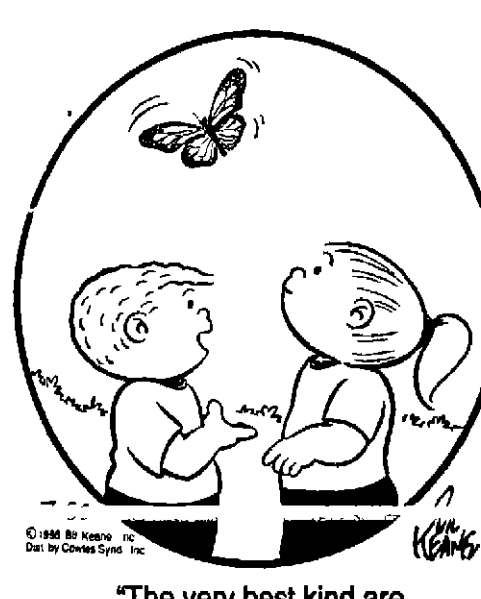
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DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, July 31, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Using your wiles would lead only to a bitter victory. Don't let impatience get the better of you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The birthright of surprise wins in your favor. If you are involved in a relationship, expect an outbreak of passion.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) To avoid that nasty bug that is germinating in the air, look after your health. Don't let work demands stress you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You feel in need of some private time. So rearrange your social plans. A solitary journey will prove enjoyable.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) If you are too self-focused, you might unknowingly hurt someone special.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Make sure you're not stepping on the toes of all the little people as you clear the path for action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) The flames of passion have been fanned, and a delightful encounter is in the offing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Others respond positively to your frankness and appreciate your advice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The good news is that there's a certain nobility to your current outcast state.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) For once the words "let's do lunch" are a sincere promise rather than a big kiss-off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Do your best to act cheerful in the face of what seems like a grim trend.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Adventures arise in business and in love. Pooling resources makes everyone in the group that much more productive.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Bowling terms

SNIPONIKYUROKHD
AXUTURKEYQNKHEB
YVSPTEMEJHEBYVTQ
OLIGTDNLABYWTRP
MKITEIALGFDBYWU
SQOMRKLIFEDBZXG
WUKSQEOPNRKLJHN
FDCAVMVASAOIYWI
VTSQEAAPPNNPOLRXR
IHFECRBZOSHYWTT
VUSRQFBPHCTARCS

Wednesday's unlisted clue: GARBAGE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: Three Consecutive Strikes

Alley	Gutter	Lane	Split
Break	Hook	Pins	Strike
Convert	Kegler	Scratch	String
Frame	Kingpin	Spare	

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For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0618

- ACROSS**
- 1 In — (stuck)
 - 6 More than shocked
 - 10 Comment made with a nod
 - 14 You can kiss this person goodbye
 - 15 Basso Pinza
 - 16 Arabian sultanate
 - 17 Like housework
 - 18 Do some housework
 - 20 Silas Marner novelist
 - 21 Outdoor toy
 - 23 Pro
 - 25 'Like a Rolling Stone,' e.g.
 - 28 Up front
 - 30 Ending with Brooklyn or Canton
 - 31 Ganders
 - 32 Tan, in a way
 - 35 'See ya!'
 - 37 They're hidden in 17, 25-52 and 61-Across
 - 42 Parsian mine
 - 43 Singer Clark
 - 45 Participant
 - 49 Second Amendment defender Abbr.
 - 51 College major, for short
 - 52 'Heroic Stanzas,' for one
 - 56 Significant
 - 57 Texas city on the Rio Grande
 - 58 Restless
 - 60 — uproar
 - 61 Devotee of a certain British brew
 - 66 Storage places
 - 67 Way to go
 - 68 'The Sheik of —' (1920's song)
 - 69 Fill up
 - 70 Musical home
 - 71 Jittery

DOWN

- 1 Lose freshness
- 2 Spar
- 3 Essential
- 4 Actress Patricia
- 5 Like some nests of old
- 6 Irritate
- 7 Terrorist's weapon
- 9 Max's opposite
- 9 Five-time A.L. batting champion
- 10 Gopher treatment
- 11 Soil
- 12 They may stand in auditoriums
- 13 Access
- 18 Kind of sauce
- 22 Surgically tie
- 23 Cinnamon
- 24 Work
- 26 "Top Hat" star
- 27 Tide type
- 28 Actress Peeples or Long
- 29 Rubbernecked

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

REST TECHS CHAD
EVER AFLAT HOBO
VANITYFAIR ROBS
UNSOILED NOFEE
ESE TOT CAIN
BUREAU CHIEFS
APERS GRE CLOP
LENA MORES LALA
FATIGUE MIENIS
CROSSDRESSER
BIDE PAD JIF
GETAT MANITOBA
ALAN HAIYCHEST
BIND ROMEO ALES
SAGS SLEDS ISNO

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today's West was one of those "delightful" partners who always have ready explanations for poor results. Examine the

and then pass judgment. Did he blunder, or did he make a bad guess? South took dummy's diamond ace and passed dummy's trump five to West's queen. Seeing no future in leading another diamond, West debated his next play. Should he switch to hearts or switch to clubs? Unfortunately, he switched to hearts. South won his ace and cashed the diamond jack and two more diamonds, allowing him to discard his club deuce. South conceded only one club, claiming his 10 tricks and his game. West's explanation? He claimed he made the better theoretical play for a valid reason. To win two tricks in hearts, all East needed was the heart ace. To win two tricks in clubs, East had to hold not only the ace, but the queen as well. Do you buy his reasoning? You shouldn't. South's jump to four spades marked him with a six-card suit. Therefore, West had a simple way to enlist East's cooperation in the defense. All he had to do was cash his trump ace and await a signal from East. (West knew East had a singleton trump.) On the trump ace, East would have played an emphatic club nine, and the club switch would have netted two club winners and a one-trick set.

WEST
♥ A Q
♦ Q J 3 2
♣ 10 9 8 7
♠ 8 5 4

EAST
♥ 3
♦ 10 9 8 5 4
♣ 6 2
♠ A Q 9 7 6

SOUTH
♥ K J 9 6 4 2
♦ A 7
♣ J 4 3
♠ 10 2

Vulnerable Neither
Dealer North

The bidding

North East South West
1NT Pass 4♠ All pass

Opening lead Diamond 10

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America Tuesday morning, first Sarah Fiorito, Bob Donahue, second Jean Oberg, Craig Baum. Saturday evening, first Janet Sinclair, Julie Sunser, second, Allene Huntley, Don Paulus.

Bridge Studio Sunday afternoon, first, Patricia Hooper, Matt Brown, second Alex Weldon, Marge Weldon. Sunday evening, first, Gary Simonetta, Joe Fortino, second, Mike Walsh, Sharon Ausman. Monday morning, first, Gayle Barrington, Winona Phillips, second, Bob Price, Carl Price. Monday evening, first, Josh Carino, Paul Peters, second, Cameron Ross, Judy Bailey. Tuesday evening, first, Allene Huntley, Don Paulus, second, Larry Spooner, John Popp. Wednesday evening, first, Don Paulus, Howard Cring, second, Mike Walsh, Cornelia Yoder. Thursday morning teaching game, 1 NS, Joe Myers, Sarah Myers. 2 NS, Louis Bashaw, Joanne Greenhouse. 1 EW, Virginia Cluse, Alma Leech. 2 EW, Bob Donahue, Chevy Tiffany. Friday morning, first, Bob Price, Milt Rosenblum, second, Mary Smith, Olin Smith. Friday evening, first, Cliff Donn, Jane Donn, second, Mary Walsh, Mike Walsh.

Concord: 1 NS, Helene Gove, Frank Mertens. 2 NS, Rosemary Dunn, Dot Joiner. 1 EW, Sharon Paulus, Gerry Wurdinger. 2 EW, Paul Peters, John Popp.

Lafayette Country Club: 1 NS, Eileen Wayne, Jeanne Levy. 2 NS, Marcia Rothschild, Lois Meyer. 1 EW, Lil Black, Barbara Biron. 2 EW, Eleanor Dutch, Miriam Fleischman.

Liverpool: 1 NS, Betty Burns, Helene Gove. 2 NS, Barbara Reinschmidt, Clorinda Morris. 1 EW, Mary Ryan, Fran Dussault. 2 EW, Joan Phillips, Phyllis Latham.

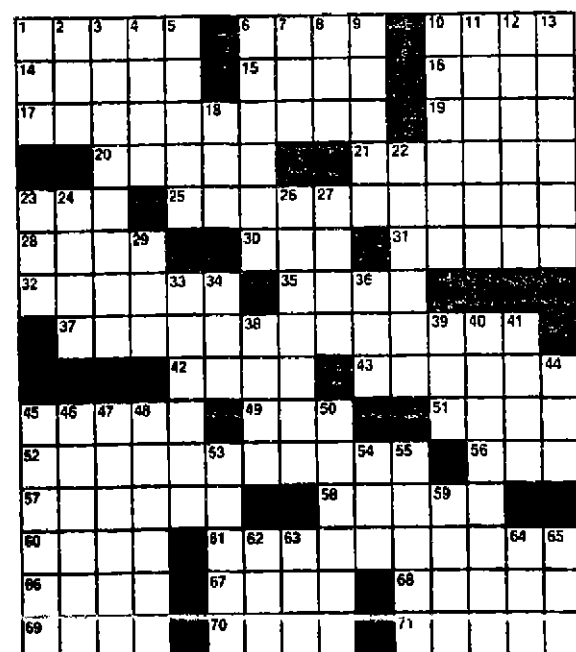
Stonehedge: 1 NS, Judy Butcher, Lori Desruisseaux. 2 NS, Roni Capraro, Jackie Oslica. 1 EW, Hannah Dushay, Helene Gove. 2 EW, Gerry Burns, Lucy Currie.

Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, first, Frank Mertens, Peter Fricano, second, Howard Johndrow, Larry Wafu, Thursday afternoon, 1 NS, Judy Butcher, Joel Davis. 2 NS, Clorinda Morris, Anne Garafolo. 1 EW, Alberta McCormick, Joan Phillips. 2 EW, Matt Brown, Pat Hooper. Thursday evening, first, Bud Nasteff, Norm Radway, second, Sharon Paulus, Bob Simard. Friday evening, first, Frank Mertens, Joan Noll, second, Dan Boye, Dorothy Eveleigh.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Dick Wilson ("Mr. Whipple") is 82. Movie director Peter Bogdanovich is 59. Former U.S. Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., is 58. Singer Paul Anka is 57. Jazz musician David Sanborn is 53. Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger is 51. Actor William Atherton is 51. Actor Jean Reno is 50. Actor Frank Stallone is 48. Actress Delta Burke is 42. Country singer Neal McCoy is 37. Actress Lisa Kudrow is 35. Actress Vivica A. Fox is 34. Actress Christine Taylor is 27.



Puzzle by Alan Arbesfeld

- 34 Modeling line
36 Start to fall
38 Party mtg.
39 Packed away
40 1973 Malcolm McDowell film, after "O"
41 —eyed
42 Hans Christian Andersen's birthplace
43 Major record label
44 Bons Pasternak declined one
45 Grand Central, e.g. Abbr.
46 Fame
47 "Take this!"
48 Can
49 Offense
50 Exercise target
51 TV's "Science Guy"

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